

# Go "green" and think "blue"!

## Recycling in 3 Easy Steps:

1. Keep a container to collect recyclables next to every trash can in your home.
2. Follow guidelines for what can and cannot be recycled (see the other side of this brochure).
3. Know your collection schedule; view or print a copy online: [FrederickCountyMD.gov/AtaGlance](http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/AtaGlance)  
Set your cart out by 6 am on your pick up day.

**Before you throw something away, think about whether it can go in a blue recycling cart instead!**



## Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

### *How do I get a recycling cart?*

A blue, Frederick County recycling container is required for participation in the curbside collection program. Carts may be requested online at [LearnMoreRecycleBetter.org](http://LearnMoreRecycleBetter.org) or by contacting Allied Waste Services, the recycling program's contracted service provider at 301-694-6498.

### *Who do I contact about missed pick-ups or other residential collection issues?*

For service issues please contact Allied Waste.

### *Can my mixed recyclables be set out for collection in trash or other plastic bags?*

No; unlike regular waste, recyclables must be collected loose so that they can be sorted and processed. If you have more materials than will fit in a cart, place them in a box or paper bag alongside the blue county container.

### *Do recyclable materials need to be cleaned?*

All containers must be **empty**. Rinsing them will help avoid pest problems or odors, but some food residue is acceptable and lids can remain on empty containers.

### *Are all plastic items recyclable?*

No. Basic rules are on the other side of this page, but a flyer that explains plastic recycling in detail, with examples of what can and can't be recycled is on our website: [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/recycle](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/recycle)

## Are You Recycling Everything You Can?

The average American generated 2.68 pounds of trash per day in 1960. By 2010 the average had increased to 4.43 pounds of trash per person, each and every day. Combine this trend with factors such as our growing population, urban sprawl and an increasingly consumer-based economy...and suddenly, there's just too much trash.

In the past it may have seemed simple to just throw things away, but as our landfills reach capacity, it's getting harder to figure out where "away" is. Often many items that are disposed of still have value; their reuse and recycling can save resources such as money, time and energy, as well as help preserve our environment. Recycling just makes sense.

In Frederick County recycling is about more than just bottles, cans, boxes and jars. Did you know that yard waste, computers, electronics, linens and clothing can all be brought to the Frederick County Landfill facilities to be recycled? The other side of this page provides more information so that everyone can recycle more and waste less.

Beyond recycling there is much that each of us can do to help manage resources wisely. Please see our booklet, **A Residents' Guide to Solid Waste Management in Frederick County** for information on waste reduction and disposal programs for everything from mattresses to household hazardous waste.

## Recycling Programs in Frederick County

**Including Information on:  
Residential Curbside Collection and  
Special Recycling Drop Off Programs  
at the Reichs Ford Road Facilities**



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






## CURBSIDE SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING FOR SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES

Single-stream means that recyclables do not have to be sorted at home and can be collected in a single container. Allied Waste Services (301-694-6498) is the contracted service provider handling recycling collection, cart/bin distribution and general customer service needs. Additional assistance and information may be obtained by calling the Office of Recycling (301-600-2960) between 7:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Or visit our website: [LearnMoreRecycleBetter.org](http://LearnMoreRecycleBetter.org)

Recyclable Material	Examples of Acceptable Items	Examples of Unacceptable Items
Paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Colored and white office paper</li><li>File folders and notecards</li><li>Newspaper, magazines, mail</li><li>Shredded paper- place inside a paper bag or cardboard box</li><li>Hardback, paperback and phone books</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Padded envelopes</li><li>Carbon paper</li><li>Tissues and napkins</li><li>Paper plates</li><li>Any soiled items</li><li>Waxed paper</li></ul>
Cardboard and Paperboard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Corrugated boxes</li><li>Food packaging, such as cracker and cereal boxes (no liners)</li><li>Milk and juice cartons</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Soiled or greasy items, such as pizza boxes or shortening tubs</li><li>No waxed items (wax can be felt if fingernail is run across box)</li></ul>
Aluminum, Steel and Tin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Beverage and food cans such as for soda, soups, vegetables and pet foods</li><li>Empty aerosol cans</li><li>Aluminum foil, tins and pie plates</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Containers that are not empty</li><li>Containers with grease inside</li></ul>
Glass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Colored or clear glass bottles and jars, such as baby food jars, wine bottles, canning jars, etc.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Glass other than retail food containers, such as: windows, drinking glasses, mirrors, etc.</li><li>Ceramic or porcelain plates, mugs, etc.</li></ul>
Plastic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Empty wide-mouth plastics such as: peanut butter jars, medicine bottles, yogurt containers, milk jugs, kitty litter tubs, 5-gallon buckets, margarine tubs, nursery pots, etc.</li><li>Empty narrow-neck bottles such as soda, salad dressing or detergent bottles</li><li>Plastic bags printed with a code of #2 or #4, such as grocery bags, newspaper bags, some bread bags; must be gathered together and placed inside one bag</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Any plastic item without an identification code imprinted on it</li><li>Styrofoam™</li><li>Potato chip/candy/food wrappers or the liner bags from boxes of food (such as cereal)</li><li>Thin, brittle plastics, such as disposable cups or hinged salad bar and bakery containers.</li><li>Containers from hazardous substances like pesticides, motor oil or antifreeze</li><li>Trash bags</li><li>Single/loose plastic bags.</li></ul>

## RECYCLING DROP-OFF AND CITIZENS' CONVENIENCE CENTER AT THE REICHS FORD ROAD FACILITIES

The facilities at 9031 Reichs Ford Road accept all of the recyclables listed above as well as the additional items listed below. Electronics and tires incur a fee of \$3.80 per 100 pounds (subject to change); all other items may be recycled at no charge.

Recyclable Material	Examples of Acceptable Items	Examples of Unacceptable Items
Flexible Foam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Foam carpet padding, foam couch cushions, foam-only mattresses and pads</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jute/fiber carpet padding</li><li>Styrofoam™</li></ul>
Yard Waste 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Limbs and pruned branches smaller than 8' long and 6" diameter, grass clippings, weeds, fallen leaves, etc.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mulch, soil or root balls</li><li>Construction debris or lumber</li><li>Plastic bags</li></ul>
Appliances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>"White goods" such as refrigerators, washing machines, air conditioners, water heaters, etc.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Small, non metal-body appliances such as blenders, bread machines, alarm clocks, etc.</li></ul>
Oversized/Bulky Plastics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rigid plastics too large to fit in a curbside recycling bin, such as kiddie pools and toys, picnic coolers, lawn furniture, shelving, etc.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Soft plastics or rubber, such as garden hoses</li><li>Vinyl, such house siding or shower curtains</li><li>PVC pipes</li></ul>
Scrap Metal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Household items made from at least 75% metal, such as shelving, cabinets, bicycles, fencing, coat hangers, grills, lawn mowers (emptied of all fluids), etc.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fuel tanks or helium tanks that have not been drained <u>and</u> punctured/have their valve stem removed.</li></ul>
Automotive Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Motor oil, antifreeze, tires, lead-acid batteries</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Other auto parts</li></ul>
Tires (fee of \$3.80 per 100 lbs.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Car, truck, tractor tires, on or off rims.</li><li>Residents may bring up to 5 tires per year.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tires greater than 33" diameter.</li><li>More than 5 tires requires a scrap tire haulers license from the State of Maryland.</li></ul>
Electronics (fee of \$3.80 per 100 lbs.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Desktop and laptop computers and accessories. Video game consoles, GPS units, e-readers, cell phones, iPods, digital cameras, DVD players, VCRs, stereos, televisions, etc.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CD/DVD/BluRay discs or cases.</li><li>Devices with secure data requiring a certificate of destruction</li></ul>

Please obtain a free copy of our handbook, 'Residents' Guide to Solid Waste Management' to learn about disposal programs for trash, household hazardous waste, construction and demolition debris, furniture and more. Visit the Department of Solid Waste Management's website for more information: [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/wastemanagement](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/wastemanagement)

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